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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
GROOM CREEK WATER USERS ASSOCIATION
FOR AN INCREASE IN RATES.

DOCKET NO. W-01865A-07-0385

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
GROOM CREEK WATER USERS ASSOCIATION
FOR APPROVAL OF FINANCING AND RATE
CHANGES.

DOCKET NO. W-01865A-07-0384

PROCEDURAL ORDER

BY THE COMMISSION:

On June 25, 2007, Groom Creek Water Users Association ("Applicant" or "Groom Creek") filed with the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") an application for an increase in its water rates.

On the same day, Groom Creek filed an application in Docket No. W-01865A-07-0384 requesting approval for financing.

Between July 9, 2007 and July 18, 2007, Jonathan Hoover, John and Marian Cree, Patty Berry, Mary Turbyfill, Majorie Navarro, Robert Schulz, and Donald Muller filed Motions to Intervene ("Motion").

On July 25, 2007, the Commission's Utilities Division ("Staff") filed an Insufficiency Letter in this docket indicating the Applicant's application had not met the sufficiency requirements as outlined in the Arizona Administrative Code ("A.A.C.").

On August 10, 2007, Staff filed a Letter of Sufficiency in this matter, and indicated that the Staff Report would be filed on October 24, 2007. The Commission has determined that Groom Creek is a class D utility and pursuant to statute the Commission may decide this case without a hearing.

On August 22, 2007, by Procedural Order, the Motions to Intervene were granted.

1 On October 2, 2007, Staff filed a Motion for an Extension of Time to file its Staff Report until
2 November 5, 2007 in Docket No. W-01865A-07-0385. No objections to Staff's Motion were filed.

3 On October 29, 2007, Staff filed a Motion to Consolidate the above-captioned matters, stating
4 Staff believed that these matters could be efficiently handled in a single proceeding.

5 On November 30, 2007, by Procedural Order, the two above-captioned dockets were
6 consolidated and Staff was given until December 17, 2007, to file its Staff Report on the consolidated
7 dockets and the timeclock in this matter was suspended.

8 On December 3, 2007, Groom Creek filed a copy of a special report sent to all Association
9 members regarding a major water main break that occurred in October, 2007.

10 On December 14, 2007, Applicant filed a request that Staff's request for additional time to file
11 its Staff Report be granted.

12 On December 17, 2007, Staff filed its Response to Groom Creek's Letter concurring with the
13 request for additional time until December 31, 2007 to file the Staff Report in this matter.

14 On December 19, 2007, by Procedural Order, Staff was granted additional time, until January
15 4, 2008, to file its Staff Report.

16 On December 21, 2007, Staff filed a Clarification to Staff's Response to Groom Creek's
17 Letter. In its filing, Staff requested additional time to file its Staff Report until January 31, 2008,
18 because the engineering analysis filed by Groom Creek on December 14, 2007 required Staff to issue
19 more data requests.

20 On December 27, 2007, by Procedural Order, Staff was granted additional time, until January
21 31, 2008, to file its Staff Report.

22 On January 31, 2008, Staff filed its Staff Report recommending approval of Groom Creek's
23 application for a permanent rate increase and approval for financing.

24 On February 5, 2008, Staff filed a Notice of Errata to the Staff Report, to provide the
25 engineering memorandum for the financing application, which had been inadvertently omitted.

26 On February 11, 2008, Groom Creek Water filed its Response to the Staff Report, objecting to
27 the recommended base rate increase, as well as other increases recommended by Staff.

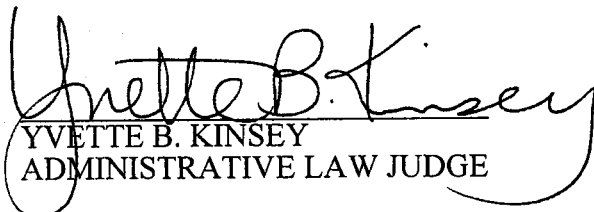
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1 Accordingly, a procedural conference should be scheduled to determine whether a hearing
2 should be held in this matter and the timeclock remains suspended.

3 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that a **procedural conference** in the above-captioned matter
4 shall commence on **March 5, 2008, at 10:00 a.m.**, or as soon thereafter as is practical, at the
5 Commission's offices, 1200 West Washington Street, Room 100, Phoenix, Arizona 85007.

6 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Presiding Officer may rescind, alter, amend or waive
7 any portion of this Procedural Order either by subsequent Procedural Order or by ruling at hearing.

8 Dated this 22nd day of February, 2008.

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ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

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